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Statement of Mrs. Bertha Tegen taken by Mr. David T. Thompson, at the office of R. E. & A. D. Watson, 41-43 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, N.J. November 4, 1926, at 11.30 A. M.

BY MR. THOMPSON:

Q. What is your name?

A. Bertha Tegen.

Q. You reside at the Phillips house?

A. Yes.

Q. How long did you live there?

A. From thebfirst of December, 1923.

Q. Do you know Mrs. Hoag?

A. Yes.

Q. Mrs. Hoag has testified in substance to a man coming to the Phillips farm on one occasion, he fixes a time in 1923, or possibly 1924; that this man asked the way to Raritan, and that she directed him to the trolley, but that he informed her that he was hiking it. That he then spoke about the tragedy that had occurred there, and

when leaving went over to where the old crab apple tree had stood, and then became weak and faint and commenced to stagger. Do you know anything about that?

A. I don't remember that at all.

Q. Tell what happened in your own way?

A. Mother was there that day, and --

Q. What is your mother's name?

A. Mrs. G. B. Holzhohner. She was visiting me for the day, and Mother I think was outside, and I was inside, and this gentleman came up,- a very nice refined looking gentleman, and he asked her the way to Raritan. Mother did not know, and she asked me, and I said I did not know. Mrs. Hoag was coming up from the chicken yard, and I asked her if she knew, and she said she didn't, but she said that she would show him the way to the trolley line. With that, I went in the house and did not bother at all, and Mother was there and he started to talk to her, and stayed there for quite a while; what he said to her I don't know. All that time I was in the house and then of course--

Q. This man that you saw-- describe him in your own way?

A. This man was very thin; he had a stubby grey mustache. He was very well dressed, and very refined looking.

Q. Was his face clean shaven?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he have a black beard?

A. No; he was very fair; he was very clean shaven; his cuffs and everything was just as white and nice.

Q. How old did he appear to you?

A. About sixty-five.

Q. Have you any idea as to how tall he was?

A. A little taller than you, (referring to Mr. Thompson) but about the same build, but a little taller.

Q. Then when he was leaving you gave him a drink of water?

A. Yes; he helped himself; he drank at the pump.

Q. The pump is located where?

A. Between the house and the barn.

Q. Did you observe which lane he turned down?

A. When he went out I was in the house; I did not know that he had gone.

Q. You have seen pictures of Mr. Henry Stevens?

A. Yes.

Q. As you recall this man, did he in anyway resemble Mr. Stevens?

A. Not that I know of; Mr. Stevens is more plump than this fellow was.

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Q. Do you recall his hair?

A. No, I don't, because he had his hat on; he had on a slouch-Fedora hat.

Q. Do younknow what color it was?

A. No, I could not tell the color.

Q. What is your recollection as to whether he wore glasses?

A. I don't remember that either; I just came in and out.

Q. The opportunity that you had when he was getting the drink?

A. Yes.

Q. Did his eyes appear to be bulgy?

A. I don't think so.

Q. He just impressed you as being a refined, elderly gentleman?

A. Yes, he was very refined. He looked like a man retired from business. He had a black ring on his finger.

Q. A black ring?

A. A black stone in his ring. He looked like a retired business man out for a walk?

Q. You mentioned before an incident after that, when Mrs. Hoag made some remark to you?

A. Yes, but that was at night. She had gone to bed already.

Q. Was that the same night?

A. Yes. All day long she picked on us. She went to

bed that night and got up again and came half-way down the stairs, and said, "Do you know what I think; I think that man was Henry Stevens.

Q. You have lived in the same house?

A. Yes.

Q. Is it a double house?

A. Yes, she lived on one side and I lived on the other.

Q. Has she ever spoken to you since about it?

A. No, she moved away.

Q. Has anybody from Simpson's office been to seeyou until today?

A. No.

Q. What time today did they call?

A. About 11.30 A. M., I was visited by some men representing Senator Simpson's investigators.

Q. What did they say?

A. They warned us not to talk to you.

Q. What did you say to them?

A. I did not say a word; I told them that Mr. Tegen had warned me not to say anything to anybody unless he was present. We werepestered by so many people.

Q. While these people from Simpson's office were talking to you, and while you were sparring with them and telling them that you would have to consult your husband, didanother car go by your door?

A. Yes.

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. Was there any remark made?

A. Yes, theybsaid: "There goes Mrs. Hall's lawyers. Better lock your doors and don't let anybody in". They told me that if anybody bothers me, to use a baseball bat, and I asked them if I could use it on them as well. They said: "There goes Mrs. Hall's lawyers; don'tblet any of them in; lock the doors.

The above statement was made in the presence of Mr. John M. Tegen, and Mr. Tegen was at home on the evening that Mrs. Hoag came downstairs, and expressed her opinion that the man was probably Henry Stevens.